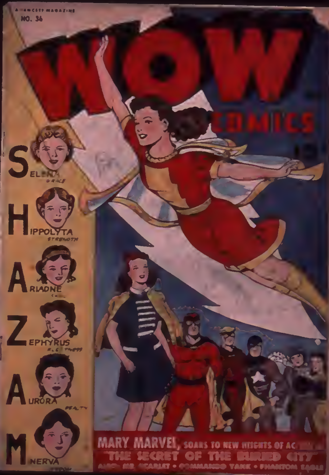
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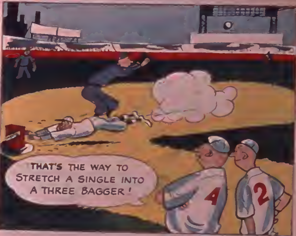
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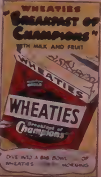
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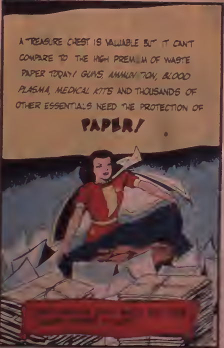
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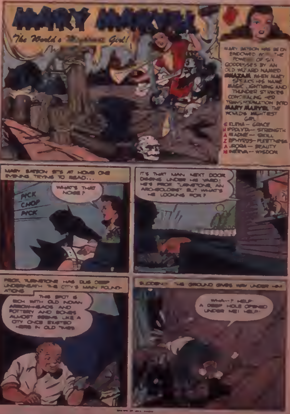
MARY MARVEL
The World's Mightiest Girl!
MARY BATSON HAS BEEN ENDOWED WITH THE POWERS OF SIX GODDESSES BY AN OLD WIZARD NAMED SHAZAM. WHEN MARY SPEAKS HIS NAME MAGIC LIGHTNING AND THUNDER STRIKES CONCEALING HER TRANSFORMATION INTO MARY MARVEL THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL.
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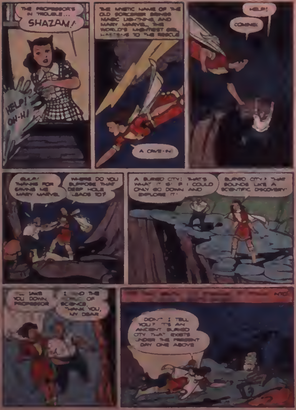
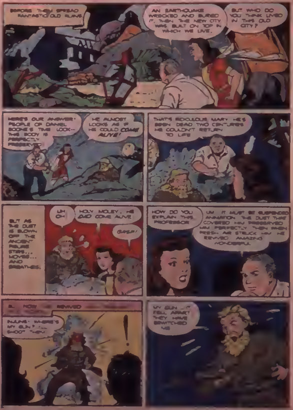
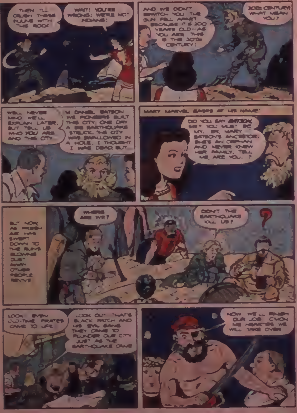
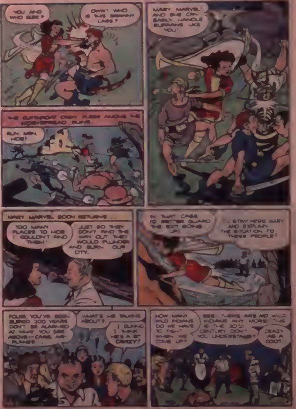
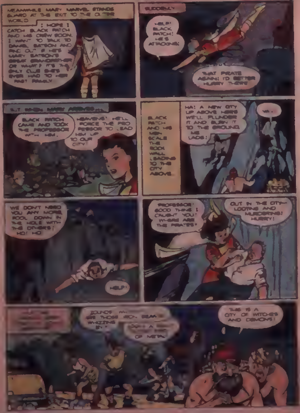
MARY BATSON SITS AT HOME ONE EVENING TRYING TO READ...
PICK CHOP PICK
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
IT'S THAT MAN NEXT DOOR DIGGING UNDER HIS YARD! HE'S PROF. TURNSTONE, AN ARCHEOLOGIST BUT WHAT'S HE LOOKING FOR?
PROF. TURNSTONE HAS DUG DEEP UNDERNEATH THE CITY'S MAIN FOUNDATIONS
THIS SPOT IS RICH WITH OLD INDIAN ARROW-HEADS AND POTTERY AND BONES ALMOST SEEMS LIKE A CITY ONCE EXISTED HERE IN OLD TIMES
SUDDENLY THE GROUND GIVES WAY UNDER HIM
WHA--? HELP! A DEEP HOLE OPENED UNDER ME! HELP!

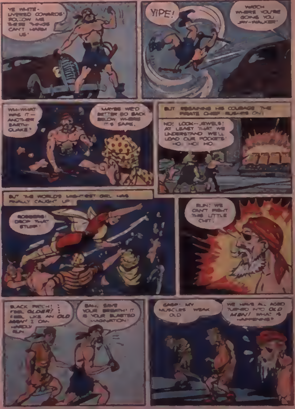

THE PROFESSOR'S IN TROUBLE... SHAZAM!
HELP! OH-H!
THE MYSTIC NAME OF THE OLD SORCERER BRINGS MAGIC LIGHTNING, AND MARY MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL, HASTENS TO THE RESCUE
A CAVE-IN!
HELP!
COMING!
GULP! THANKS FOR SAVING ME, MARY MARVEL
WHERE DO YOU SUPPOSE THAT DEEP HOLE LEADS TO?
A BURIED CITY! THAT'S WHAT IT IS! IF I COULD ONLY GO DOWN AND EXPLORE IT!
BURIED CITY? THAT SOUNDS LIKE A SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY!
I'LL TAKE YOU DOWN, PROFESSOR
I AND THE WORLD OF SCIENCE, THANK YOU, MY DEAR
[illegible] INTO
DIDN'T I TELL YOU? IT'S AN ANCIENT BURIED CITY THAT EXISTS UNDER THE PRESENT DAY ONE ABOVE

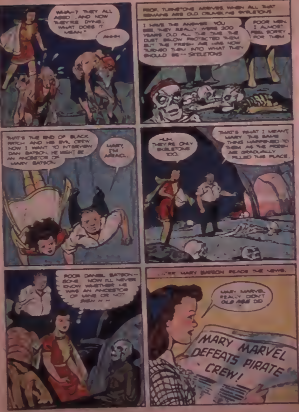

BEFORE THEM SPREAD FANTASTIC OLD RUINS
AN EARTHQUAKE WRECKED AND BURIED IT. THEN THE NEW CITY WAS BUILT ON TOP IN WHICH WE LIVE.
BUT WHO DO YOU THINK LIVED IN THIS OLD CITY?
HERE'S OUR ANSWER! PEOPLE OF DANIEL BOONE'S TIME. LOOK-- THIS BODY IS PERFECTLY PRESERVED
HE ALMOST LOOKS AS IF HE COULD *COME ALIVE!*
THAT'S RIDICULOUS MARY. HE'S BEEN DEAD TWO CENTURIES. HE COULDN'T RETURN TO LIFE
BUT AS THE DUST IS BLOWN OFF THE ANCIENT FIGURE STIRS... MOVES... AND BREATHES.
UH OH
HOLY MOLEY. HE *DID* COME ALIVE
GASP!
HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THIS PROFESSOR
UM . IT MUST BE SUSPENDED ANIMATION. THE DUST THAT COVERED HIM PRESERVED HIM PERFECTLY. THEN WHEN FRESH AIR STRUCK HIM HE REVIVED. AMAZING. WONDERFUL
[illegible] NOW [illegible] REVIVED [illegible]
INJUNS! WHERE'S MY GUN? [illegible] SHOOT 'EM
!
MY GUN -- IT FELL APART! THEY HAVE BEWITCHED ME


THEN I'LL CRUSH THESE INJUNS WITH THIS ROCK
WAIT! YOU'RE WRONG! WE'RE NOT INDIANS!
AND WE DON'T BEWITCH YOU. THE GUN FELL APART BECAUSE IT'S 200 YEARS OLD—AS YOU ARE. THIS IS THE 20TH CENTURY!
20TH CENTURY? WHAT MEAN YOU?
WELL, NEVER MIND. WE'LL EXPLAIN LATER. BUT TELL US WHO YOU ARE AND THIS CITY
I'M DANIEL BATSON. WE PIONEERS BUILT THIS CITY. ONE DAY A BIG EARTHQUAKE STRUCK. THE CITY WAS SWALLOWED IN A HOLE. I THOUGHT I WAS DEAD BUT...
MARY MARVEL GASPS AT HIS NAME!
DID YOU SAY BATSON, SIR? YOU MUST BE MY... ER, MARY BATSON'S ANCESTOR. SHE'S AN ORPHAN AND NEVER KNEW HER FAMILY. TELL ME, ARE YOU...?
BUT NOW, AS FRESH AIR HAS SWEPT DOWN TO THE RUINS, BLOWING DUST AWAY, OTHER PEOPLE REVIVE
WHERE ARE WE?
DIDN'T THE EARTHQUAKE KILL US?
?
LOOK! EVEN OLD-TIME PIRATES CAME TO LIFE
LOOK OUT! THAT'S BLACK PATCH AND HIS EVIL GANG. THEY CAME TO PLUNDER OUR CITY JUST AS THE EARTHQUAKE CAME
NOW WE'LL FINISH OUR JOB. C'MON, ME HEARTIES, WE WILL TAKE OVER

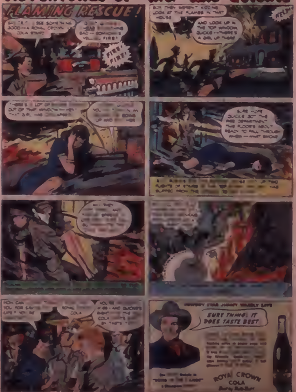

YOU AND WHO ELSE?
OWW! WHO IS THIS BRAWNY LASS?
MARY MARVEL! AND SHE CAN EASILY HANDLE RUFFIANS LIKE YOU!
THE CUTTHROAT CREW FLEES AMONG THE WIDESPREAD RUINS.
RUN MEN, HIDE!
MARY MARVEL SOON RETURNS ..
TOO MANY PLACES TO HIDE I COULDN'T FIND THEM!
JUST SO THEY DON'T FIND THE WAY OUT THEY WOULD PLUNDER AND BURN OUR CITY.
IN THAT CASE I'D BETTER GUARD THE EXIT GOING UP!
I STAY HERE MARY AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION TO THESE PEOPLE!
FOLKS YOU'VE BEEN BURIED 200 YEARS DON'T BE ALARMED AT WHAT YOU SEE ABOVE--CARS, AIRPLANES.
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
I DUNNO I THINK HE'S A BIT CRAZY!
HOW MANY WILD INDIANS DO WE HAVE TO FIGHT WHEN WE COME UP?
SEE, THERE ARE NO WILD INDIANS ANY MORE. THIS IS THE 20TH CENTURY DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?
CRAZY AS A COOT

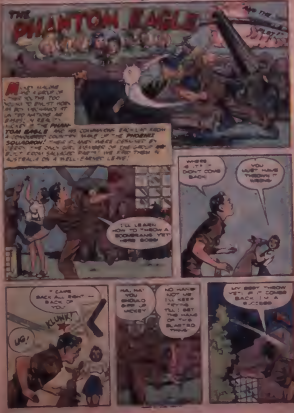

MEANWHILE MARY MARVEL STANDS GUARD AT THE EXIT TO THE OUTER WORLD
I HOPE I CATCH BLACK PATCH AND HIS CREW SOON. I WANT TO TALK TO DANIEL BATSON AND FIND OUT IF HE'S MARY BATSON'S GREAT GRANDFATHER OR WHAT? IT'S THE ONLY CLUE SHE'S EVER HAD TO HER PAST FAMILY
SUDDENLY
HELP! BLACK PATCH! HE'S ATTACKING!
THAT PIRATE AGAIN! I'D BETTER HURRY THERE
BUT WHEN MARY ARRIVES...
BLACK PATCH CAME AND TOOK THE PROFESSOR WITH HIM.
HEAVENS! HE'LL FORCE THE PROFESSOR TO LEAD HIM UP TO OUR CITY
BLACK PATCH AND HIS MEN SCALE THE ROCK WALL LEADING TO THE CITY ABOVE.
HA! A NEW CITY UP ABOVE HERE! WE'LL PLUNDER IT AND BURN IT TO THE GROUND, ME LADS!
YA...
WE DON'T NEED YOU ANY MORE, FOOL. DOWN IN THE HOLE WITH THE OTHERS! HO! HO
HELP!
PROFESSOR! GOOD THING I CAUGHT YOU! WHERE ARE THE PIRATES?
OUT IN THE CITY— LOOTING AND MURDERING! HURRY!
ZOUNDS! WH... ARE THOSE IRON BEAS... WHIZZING BY?
LOOK! A [illegible] OF METAL
THIS IS A CITY OF WITCHES AND DEMONS!

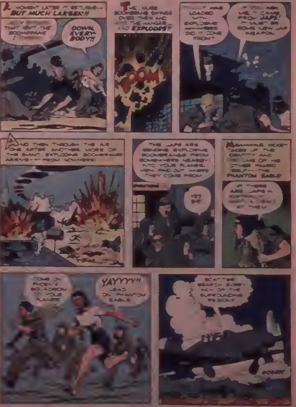

YE WHITE-LIVERED COWARDS! FOLLOW ME. THESE THINGS CAN'T HARM US!
YIPE!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING YOU JAY-WALKER!
WH-WHAT WAS IT — ANOTHER EARTH-QUAKE?
MAYBE WE'D BETTER GO BACK BELOW WHERE IT'S SAFE.
BUT REGAINING HIS COURAGE THE PIRATE CHIEF RUSHES ON!
NO! LOOK—JEWELS! AT LEAST THAT WE UNDERSTAND. WE'LL LOAD OUR POCKETS! HO! HO! HO.
BUT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP.
ROBBERS! DROP THAT STUFF!
RUN! WE CAN'T FIGHT THIS LITTLE CHIT.
BLACK PATCH! I FEEL OLDER! I FEEL LIKE AN OLD MAN! I CAN HARDLY RUN
BAH, SAVE YOUR BREATH! IT IS YOUR BLASTED IMAGINATION!
GASP! MY MUSCLES WEAK OLD
WE HAVE ALL AGED TURNED INTO OLD MEN! WHAT IS HAPPENING?

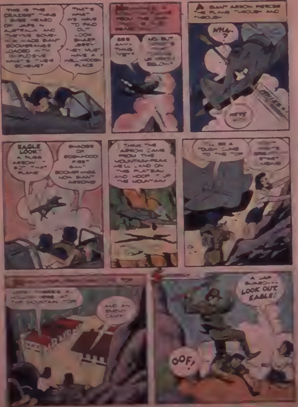

WHA—? THEY ALL AGED, AND NOW THEY'RE DYING. WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
AHHH
PROF. TURNSTONE ARRIVES WHEN ALL THAT REMAINS ARE OLD CRUMBLING SKELETONS
I HAVE THE ANSWER. YOU SEE, THEY REALLY WERE 200 YEARS OLD. ALL THE TIME THE DUST BELOW PROTECTED THEM BUT THE FRESH AIR HAS NOW TURNED THEM INTO WHAT THEY SHOULD BE -- SKELETONS
POOR MEN. I ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR THEM
THAT'S THE END OF BLACK PATCH AND HIS EVIL CREW. NOW I WANT TO INTERVIEW DAN BATSON. HE MIGHT BE AN ANCESTOR OF MARY BATSON
MARY, I'M AFRAID...
HUH. THEY'RE ONLY SKELETONS TOO.
THAT'S WHAT I MEANT, MARY. THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO THEM AS THE FRESH AIR GRADUALLY FILLED THIS PLACE.
POOR DANIEL BATSON— GONE. NOW I'LL NEVER KNOW WHETHER HE WAS AN ANCESTOR OF MINE OR NOT. SIGH H H
LATER MARY BATSON READS THE NEWS.
MARY MARVEL REALLY DIDN'T. OLD AGE DID
MARY MARVEL DEFEATS PIRATE CREW!

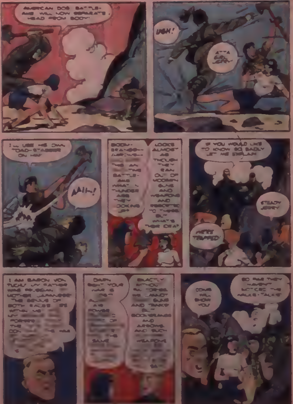
ADVENTURES OF "R.C." AND QUICKIE

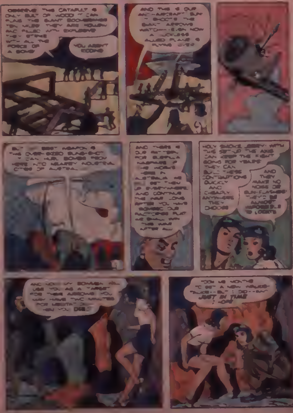

FLAMING RESCUE!
SAY "R.C." I SEE SOMETHING GOOD — A ROYAL CROWN COLA STAND
...HEAR SOMETHING BAD — SOMEONE'S YELLING FIRE!
FIRE! FIRE!
BUT THEY HAVEN'T ... LOOK AT THE FLAMES IN THAT HOUSE
AND LOOK UP IN THE TOP WINDOW QUICKIE — THERE'S A GIRL UP THERE
HELP!
THERE'S A LOT OF SMOKE COMING OUT OF THAT WINDOW — HEY! THAT GIRL HAS COLLAPSED
SURE HOPE QUICKIE GOT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT THE FLOOR'S ABOUT READY TO FALL THROUGH WHEW — WHAT SMOKE
HOW CAN ... YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE? ...
... ROYAL CROWN COLA
... AND QUICKIE'S ... COLA ... IN TASTE ...
COWBOY STAR JIMMY WAKELY SAYS
SURE THING! IT DOES TASTE BEST
ROYAL CROWN COLA
Best by Taste-Test

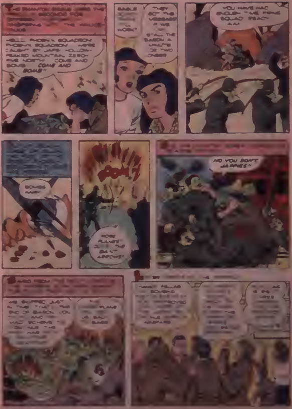

THE PHANTOM EAGLE
AND THE [illegible]
M[illegible] MALONE [illegible] A GROUP OF [illegible] TOO YOUNG TO ENLIST FORM AN [illegible] AT UNITED NATIONS AIR BASES! [illegible] PHANTOM EAGLE AND HIS COMPANIONS EACH [illegible] FROM A CONQUERED COUNTRY MAKE UP THE PHOENIX SQUADRON! THEIR PLANES WERE DESIGNED BY [illegible] THE ONLY GIRL MEMBER OF THE GROUP AND BUILT FROM SALVAGED PARTS! WE FIND THEM IN AUSTRALIA ON A WELL-EARNED LEAVE!
I'LL LEARN HOW TO THROW A BOOMERANG YET! HERE GOES!
WHERE IS IT? IT DIDN'T COME BACK
YOU MUST HAVE THROWN IT WRONG
IT CAME BACK ALL RIGHT — BACK OF YOU
KLUNK!
UG!
HA, HA! YOU SHOULD GIVE UP MICKEY
NO MA'AM! NOT ME! I'LL KEEP TRYING TILL I GET THE HANG OF THE BLASTED THING
MY BEST THROW YET! IF IT COMES BACK I'M A SUCCESS


A MOMENT LATER IT RETURNS— BUT MUCH LARGER!!
HOLY SMOKE! THAT ISN'T THE BOOMERANG!
DOWN, EVERYBODY!!
THE HUGE BOOMERANG SWINGS OVER THEM AND INTO THE HANGAR— AND EXPLODES!!
BOOM
THAT WAS LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVE! WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
IF YOU ASK ME, IT CAME FROM JAPS! IT MUST BE SOME NEW JAP WEAPON.
AND THEN THROUGH THE AIR ONE AFTER ANOTHER, MORE OF THE GIANT EXPLODING BOOMERANGS ARRIVE— FROM NOWHERE
THE JAPS ARE SENDING EXPLOSIVE BOOMERANGS FROM SOMEWHERE NEARBY. INTO YOUR PLANES, MEN. FIND OUT WHERE THEY COME FROM
YES SIR
MEANWHILE, MICKEY TAKES UP THE IDENTITY AND COSTUME OF HIS OTHER FAMED SELF— THE PHANTOM EAGLE
IF THERE ARE JAPS AROUND I WANT A CRACK AT THEM
COME ON, PHOENIX SQUADRON! TO YOUR PLANES
YAYYYY" LEAD ON, PHANTOM EAGLE
SCATTER! SEARCH EVERY INCH OF THE SURROUNDING REGION!
ROARR


THIS IS THE CRAZIEST THING I EVER HEARD OF JAPS IN AUSTRALIA AND THEY'VE SOMEHOW MADE GIANT BOOMERANGS LOADED WITH EXPLOSIVE WHAT'S THEIR SCHEME?
THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO FIND OUT LOOK SHARP JERRY THEY MUST HAVE A WELL-HIDDEN PLACE
[illegible] FROM THE [illegible] SEARCH
SEE ANYTHING YET?
NO, BUT [illegible] UP [illegible] BELOW?
A GIANT ARROW PIERCES THE PLANE THROUGH AND THROUGH
WHA-?
EAGLE LOOK!! A HUGE ARROW — GOT THAT PLANE
SHADES OF ROBIN HOOD FIRST GIANT BOOMERANGS NOW GIANT ARROWS
THINK THE ARROW CAME FROM THE MOUNTAIN PEAK WE'LL LAND ON THE PLATEAU AND HOOF IT UP THE MOUNTAIN
IT'LL BE A TOUGH CLIMB TO THE TOP
[illegible] START MOVING
[illegible] TOP
LOOK THERE'S A HOUSE THERE AT THE MOUNTAIN TOP
AND AN ENEMY CAMP
A JAP GUARD--- LOOK OUT EAGLE!
OOF!


AMERICAN DOG BATTLE-AXE WILL NOW SEPARATE HEAD FROM BODY!
UGH!
ATTA GIRL, JERRY
I'LL USE HIS OWN "TOAD-STABBER" ON HIM
AAIH!
BOOMERANGS— ARROWS— THIS AN THE BATTLE-AXE WHAT A THUNDER AGE THEY LOOKING UP
LOOKS ALMOST AS THOUGH THEY RAN OUT OF MODERN GUNS AND WEAPONS AND RESORTED TO THOSE BUT WHAT'S YOUR IDEA?
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SO BADLY LET ME EXPLAIN
STEADY JERRY
WE'RE TRAPPED!
I AM BARON VON TUCKY. MY FATHER WAS PRUSSIAN, MY MOTHER JAPANESE. THE GENIUS OF BOTH RACES IS WITHIN ME. MY FORMED THE CON HE HAS
DARN RIGHT YOUR WAR IS NOT AIR POWER SAME
EXACTLY. WITHOUT MACHINES WE CANNOT GUNS AND TANKS BUT BOOMERANGS AND ARROWS AND SUCH WEAPONS
COME! I WILL SHOW YOU
SO FAR THEY HAVEN'T NOTICED THE WALKIE-TALKIE


OBSERVE! THIS CATAPULT IS ONLY BUILT OF WOOD -- IT CAN FLING THE GIANT BOOMERANGS TEN MILES! THEY ARE HOLLOW AND FILLED WITH EXPLOSIVE -- THEY STRIKE WITH ALL THE FORCE OF A BOMB!
YOU AREN'T KIDDING!
AND THIS IS OUR ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN -- IT SHOOTS THE GIANT ARROWS. WATCH -- HERE'S ONE NOW -- A LUCKLESS ALLIED PLANE IS FLYING OVER!
BUT OUR BEST WEAPON IS THE OVER-SIZED SLING-SHOT -- IT CAN HURL BOMBS FROM HERE INTO NEARBY INDUSTRIAL CITIES OF AUSTRALIA.
AND THERE IS OUR PATTERN FOR GUERILLA WARFARE! IF IT WORKS HERE IN AUSTRALIA WE SET THEM UP EVERYWHERE AND CONTINUE THE WAR LONG AFTER YOU HAVE BOMBED OUR FACTORIES FLAT! WE SHALL WIN THIS WAR AFTER ALL!
HOLY SMOKE, JERRY! WITH THIS SET-UP THE AXIS CAN KEEP THE FIGHT GOING FOR YEARS! THEY CAN BUILD THESE CONTRAPTIONS QUICKLY AND CHEAPLY ANYWHERE THEY CHOOSE
AND THEY MAKE NO NOISE OR GUN-FLASHES! THEY'D BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO LOCATE!
AND NOW MY BOWMEN WILL USE YOU AS A TARGET FOR THEIR ARROWS! YOU MAY HAVE TWO MINUTES FOR MEDITATION -- THEN YOU DIE!
TOOK ME MONTHS TO GET A NEW WALKIE-TALKIE--BUT I DID--AND JUST IN TIME I HOPE!


THE PHANTOM EAGLE USES THE ... SECONDS FOR ... WHISPERING ... THE WALKIE TALKIE
HELLO, PHOENIX SQUADRON ... PHOENIX SQUADRON ... WE'RE CAUGHT BY JAPS ... HOLLOW-PEAKED MOUNTAIN, ZERO-FIVE NORTH ... COME AND BOMB ... COME AND BOMB!"
EAGLE ... WORK?"
THEY GOT THE MESSAGE ... STALL THE BARON A MINUTE OR TWO LONGER
YOU HAVE HAD ENOUGH TIME. FIRING SQUAD READY ... AIM
BOMBS AWAY!
BOOM!
MORE PLANES! ... AIRPOWS!"
NO YOU DON'T JAPPIES!"
SAVED FROM ...
WE STOPPED JUST IN TIME ... THE END OF BARON ... HAD SCHEME ... BASE
... PLANE ... BASE
MANY FELLAS BOMBING ...

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The Adventures of An American WAC Overseas

PRIVATE BRILLOWITZ, you must understand, was a good soldier. When there was a [illegible] to be done no matter how dirty or dangerous, Private Brillowitz was the man who said "Yes, sir" and did the [illegible]. Private Brillowitz was [illegible] Brooklyn, an ex-cab [illegible] ver, and he tried all in all [illegible] be a good soldier.

There was really only one matter on which Private Brillowitz and the United States Army failed to agree. That was the matter of women in the army—WACS to be exact.

"They are [illegible]," Private Brillowitz announced with disgust. "Women soldiers—phooey! Now I ask [illegible] can a dame drag a [illegible] or [illegible] his throat or toss a grenade down his neck? Naw! You know blame [illegible] the can [illegible]."

Take WAC Sergeant Penny Graves, for example. Private Brillowitz thought she was a swell "gal" and [illegible] but she ought to be home knitting [illegible] running a [illegible] in a war [illegible] the Burma [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] battle [illegible]

So [illegible] through [illegible] was [illegible] and [illegible] a [illegible] get [illegible] than "A [illegible]

twelve [illegible] Kuntang Base [illegible] what? [illegible] a [illegible] of birthday presents. A fine thing.

"[illegible] really an [illegible] silly," Private Penny smiled winningly [illegible]

The [illegible] of Kuntang a[illegible] and war [illegible] overdue for years. So [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] party.

"Gosh [illegible] muttered [illegible] Sergeant [illegible]

"[illegible] perhaps [illegible] when [illegible] Private B[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] Japs [illegible]

[illegible] through [illegible] jungle expecting at [illegible] moment [illegible] a [illegible] a patrol party or at [illegible] least a sniper. Instead they found the gun.

P[illegible] a narrow gorge [illegible] where a crew of Japs swabbed and prepared a gun [illegible] another round. [illegible] was obvious [illegible] piece had been carried some distance and [illegible] for the powder bags [illegible]

[illegible]

"What are youse gonna do?" demanded the Private.

"Make a balloon," Penny [illegible] and began [illegible] slice the [illegible] into long, pointed [illegible].

Private Brilliowitz was at a [illegible]. He was [illegible] his passenger was [illegible] and would [illegible] a [illegible] ge [illegible] [illegible]. But on [illegible] hand, [illegible] Sergeant [illegible] be [illegible] a private to be [illegible] orders. He took [illegible].

F[illegible] was [illegible] long [illegible] at [illegible] ends. Working [illegible] Penny [illegible] strip of [illegible] each edge [illegible]. Private Br[illegible] gaped [illegible] paper began to take [illegible] as a [illegible] paper [illegible] stretched over a [illegible] frame [illegible] green [illegible] nearly [illegible] was [illegible] some three [illegible].

A [illegible] Private [illegible] to [illegible]. "The [illegible] by [illegible] bomb [illegible]. N[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] up [illegible].

[illegible]

T[illegible] E[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] bags from sun, rain and enemy fire. Others were spreading a camouflage net to cover the gun. And meanwhile the gun [illegible] swabbed, loaded, rammed and fired.

"Open the gas can," Penny whispered.

P[illegible] Brilliowitz's forehead began [illegible] grow damp and [illegible] L. Listen, S Sergeant—[illegible] can't gonna [illegible] rags [illegible] gas and [illegible] hear us [illegible] the gas an then [illegible] we [illegible]—and [illegible].

[illegible] Penny [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] No [illegible]

[illegible] a sharp acrid odor of g[illegible] dripping from [illegible] rags. Moving [illegible] a[illegible] from the gas can. [illegible] a [illegible] from the eternal [illegible] her shoulders.

As Private [illegible] the rags caught [illegible] up [illegible] dark green [illegible] Penny [illegible] the [illegible] as [illegible] the [illegible] as [illegible] bag.

[illegible] Br[illegible] saw [illegible]

[illegible] up [illegible] go [illegible] rose [illegible] and [illegible] him.

He [illegible] and a moment la[illegible] the remnants of the burning balloon swept down straight [illegible] the high pile of black powder sacks beside the gun. For a moment it lay there burning, while not a Jap [illegible] sheer paralysis. Then there was a [illegible] of flame [illegible] white light and then—Heaven and Ea[illegible] apart [illegible] a nightmare of flame and [illegible] as the whole powder [illegible] and all went up [illegible] a blazing [illegible].

A [illegible] of superheated [illegible] caught Penny [illegible] Private Brilliowitz and [illegible] them [illegible] the [illegible]. Flange [illegible] around them [illegible] and twigs. Where the gun had stood at [illegible] gorge, [illegible] a gaping hole, twisted wreckage and limp figures [illegible] might have once been human.

Somehow Private Brilliowitz [illegible] back in the jeep, driving [illegible] hands while sweat poured down his [illegible] his [illegible] Penny Graves, sitting quietly beside [illegible]. "Those [illegible] loons. We used to make them for [illegible] at [illegible] always [illegible] fire [illegible] way [illegible] while [illegible] burning."

[illegible] answer Pr[illegible] make.

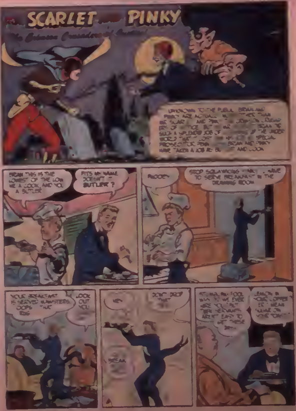
[illegible]

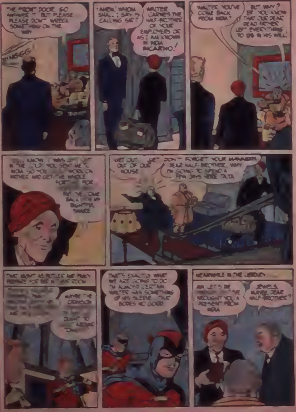
Penny [illegible] the jeep [illegible] yelling [illegible] us later [illegible] the [illegible] a [illegible] the road [illegible] packages [illegible]

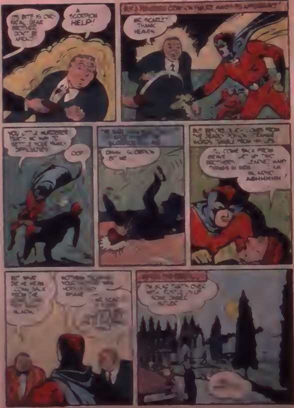
[illegible]

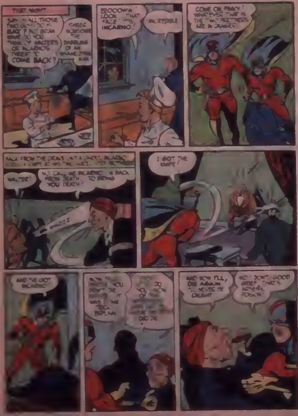
[illegible]

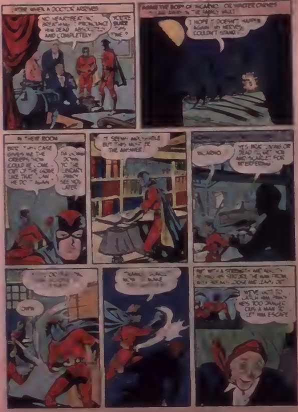
The End

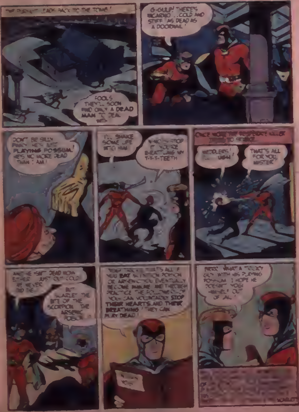

SCARLET PINKY
The Crimson Crusaders
UNKNOWN TO THE PUBLIC, BRIAN AND PINKY ARE ACTUALLY ... SCARLET AND PINKY ... JOB OF ... SPECIAL PROSECUTOR ... BRIAN AND PINKY HAVE TAKEN A JOB AS BUTLER AND COOK
BRIAN THIS IS THE LOWEST OF THE LOW ME A COOK, AND YOU A BUTLER
FITS MY NAME DOESN'T — BUTLER ?
PHOOEY
STOP SQUAWKING PINKY. HAVE TO SERVE BREAKFAST IN THE DRAWING ROOM
YOUR BREAKFAST IS SERVED MASTERS. OOPS THE EGG
LOOK OUT YOU
DON'T DROP THAT
BREAK
STUPID FOOL WHY DID WE EVER HIRE YOU BUT THEN SERVANTS AREN'T EASY TO GET THESE DAYS
BRIAN IS YOUR COFFEE ... SUGAR ON YOUR TOAST


THE FRONT DOOR. GO ANSWER IT. BUT PLEASE PLEASE DON'T WRECK SOMETHING ON THE WAY
BZINGGG
AHEM! WHOM SHALL I SAY IS CALLING SIR?
WALTER CARNES THE HALF-BROTHER OF YOUR EMPLOYERS OR AS I AM KNOWN IN INDIA INCARNO!
WALTER! YOU'VE COME BACK FROM INDIA!
BUT WHY? BE YOU KNOW THAT OUR DEAR DEAD FATHER LEFT EVERYTHING TO US IN HIS WILL!
KNOW I WAS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD! YOU SENT ME TO INDIA SO YOU COULD WORK ON FATHER AND GET THE WHOLE FORTUNE FOR ... BUT I'VE COME BACK FOR MY RIGHTFUL SHARE
GET OUT! GET OUT OF OUR HOUSE
DON'T FORGET YOUR MANNERS DEAR HALF-BROTHER. WHY I'M GOING TO SPEND A FEW DAYS HERE. TA TA
THAT NIGHT AS BUTLER AND PINKY PREPARE FOR BED IN THEIR ROOM
MAYBE THE CRIMSON ... OUGHT TO ... AROUND TONIGHT
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO. I'M ALMOST CERTAIN WALTER HAS SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE THAT BODES NO GOOD.
MEANWHILE IN THE LIBRARY
AW, LET'S BE ... I'VE BROUGHT YOU A PRESENT FROM INDIA
JEWELS, MAYBE, DEAR HALF-BROTHER?


ITS BITE IS [illegible], DEAR BROTHER. DON'T BE AFRAID
A SCORPION! HELP!
BUT A FAMILIAR CRIMSON FIGURE MAKES ITS APPEARANCE!
MR. SCARLET! THANK HEAVEN
YOU LITTLE MURDERER! THERE'S NO WAY TO SETTLE YOUR FAMILY DIFFICULTIES
OOF
THE [illegible] SCORPION [illegible]
OHHH SCORPION BIT ME
BUT BEFORE [illegible] COMES FROM THE DEADLY POISON, STRANGE WORDS TRAVEL FROM HIS LIPS
I'LL COME BACK FROM GRAVE [illegible] GET MY TWO BROTHERS. LEARNED MANY THINGS IN INDIA [illegible] AM [illegible] AHHHHHH!
BUT WHAT DID HE MEAN COME BACK FROM THE [illegible] BLACK [illegible]?
NOTHING [illegible] YOUR [illegible] WAS [illegible] INSANE
MR. SCAR[illegible]
AFTER THE [illegible]...
I'M GLAD THAT'S OVER WITH. [illegible] SOME DINNER [illegible]

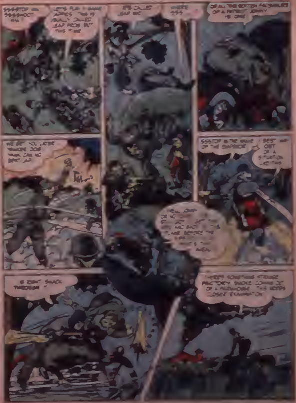

THAT NIGHT
SAY — ALL THOSE TWO GUN... BLAST? BUT BRIAN WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WALTER'S OR RICARDO'S THREAT TO COME BACK?
SHEER NONSENSE THE BABBLING OF AN INSANE ... BAR
GOOD... LOOK AT THAT FACE IT'S RICARDO!
INCREDIBLE
COME ON PINKY! WHATEVER THAT IS THE TWO BROTHERS ARE IN DANGER!
BACK FROM THE GRAVE LIKE A GHOST, RICARDO ... A KNIFE AT HIS ...
WALTER!
SO CALL ME RICARDO — IS BACK FROM DEATH, TO BRING YOU DEATH!
I GOT THE KNIFE!
AND WE GOT RICARDO
... YOU DIDN'T DIE ... IT WAS ... THE ... BRIAN
... DO YOU KNOW OF ... DID DIE
AND NOW I'LL DIE AGAIN ... NEVER BE CAUGHT
NO! DON'T. GOOD GRIEF THAT'S ARSENIC POISON!


LATER WHEN A DOCTOR ARRIVES
NO HEARTBEAT, NO BREATHING. I PRONOUNCE HIM DEAD ABSOLUTELY AND COMPLETELY
YOU'RE SURE THIS TIME?
AGAIN THE BODY OF RICARDO... OR WALTER CRANE'S ... IS LAID AWAY IN THE FAMILY VAULT
I HOPE IT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN. MY NERVES COULDN'T STAND IT
IN THEIR ROOM
BRR. THIS CASE GIVES ME THE CREEPS. HOW COULD HE COME OUT OF THE GRAVE LIKE THAT AND [illegible] ME DO IT AGAIN
I'M GOING DOWN TO THE LIBRARY PINKY. SEE YOU LATER
IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE BUT THIS MUST BE THE ANSWER.
RICARDO!
YES RICARDO, LIVING OR DEAD I'LL GET YOU AND SCARLET FOR INTERFERING
OOF!
BUT WITH A STRENGTH AND AGILITY BEYOND HIS STATURE THE MAN FROM [illegible] BREAKS LOOSE AND LEAPS OUT
WE'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM PINKY. HE'S TOO DANGEROUS A MAN TO LET HIM ESCAPE


THE PURSUIT LEADS BACK TO THE TOMB!
FOOLS THEY'LL SOON FIND ONLY A DEAD MAN TO DEAL WITH
G-GULP! THERE'S RICARDO ..COLD AND STIFF AS DEAD AS A DOORNAIL!
DON'T BE SILLY PINKY HE'S JUST PLAYING POSSUM! HE'S NO MORE DEAD THAN I AM!
I'LL SHAKE SOME LIFE INTO HIM
WHOA! STOP IT YOU'RE BREAKING MY T-T-T-TEETH
ONCE MORE THE DESPERATE KILLER TRIES TO STRIKE
MEDDLERS! I'LL ... UGH!
THAT'S ALL FOR YOU, MISTER
AND HE ISN'T DEAD NOW EITHER. JUST OUT COLD. HE NEVER DID DIE!
BUT SCARLET THE BITE OF THE SCORPION, THE ARSENIC POISON?
YOGI TRICKS! THAT'S ALL! IF YOU EAT SCORPION POISON OR ARSENIC YOU EVENTUALLY BECOME IMMUNE AND THROUGH PRACTICE THE FOLLOWERS OF YOGI CAN VOLUNTARILY STOP THEIR HEARTS AND THEIR BREATHING! THEY CAN PLAY DEAD!
GEE! WHAT A TRICKY GUY WITH HIS PLAYING POSSUM. I HOPE HE DOESN'T YOGI HIMSELF OUT OF JAIL!

COMMANDO YANK
ALWAYS GLAD TO SERVE YOU, SIR

OH GOLLY
NO


IT'S CALLED JAP BAIT
WHERE ???
OF ALL THE ROTTEN PROBABILITIES OF A PATRIOT JOHNNY HE ONE
SSSTOP IS THE NAME OF THE EMPEROR
BEST WAY OUT OF A SITUATION
IS DEAD SMACK THROUGH
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE FACTORY SMOKE COMING OUT OF A FARMHOUSE. THIS NEEDS CLOSER EXAMINATION

MY BIG BROTHER IS A U.S.RANGER!
[illegible]
RANGEMASTERS
RANGEMASTERS
KIDS, HERE'S A SUPER-SHOE FOR DOING PLACES AND DOING THINGS
EDUCATOR'S
RANGEMASTER
$3

Honest, fellows, these dandy shoes look [illegible] as good as they feel. And they take rough going without [illegible] showing the signs of wear. [illegible] there [illegible] And a similar [illegible] grown-up men, [illegible] so Dad can wear the same type of good-looking [illegible] shoes that [illegible] do. Take Dad [illegible] and get [illegible] made. [illegible] them at the nearest Kinney Shoe Store.

EDUCATOR SHOES

If there is no Kinney Shoe Store [illegible] coupon [illegible] Order today [illegible]

[illegible]

SPECIAL TELESCOPE OFFER!

[illegible]

See DISTANT SIGHTS!

3 LARGE PRECISION-GROUND OPTICAL LENSES

THIS GIANT, 30-MILE-RANGE SUPER-TELESCOPE

brings distant objects close to your eye!

4-FOOT with [illegible]

NOW—SEE GREAT OR SHORT DISTANCES—with CLOSE-UP DETAIL!

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[illegible]

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[illegible]

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New York [illegible]

[illegible]

NAME

ADDRESS

[illegible] ZONE

REMOVE UGLY BLACKHEADS OR NO COST

I MARRY JIM IF IT WASN'T FOR THOSE FILTHY BLACKHEADS OF HIS
I'LL ASK BOB TO TALK TO HIM RIGHT AWAY
WHY DON'T YOU TRY VACUTEX FOR THOSE BLACKHEADS JIM? IT CERTAINLY HELPED ME
THANKS BOB. IT SOUNDS WORTH TRYING
JIM DARLING, HOW NICE AND CLEAN YOU LOOK!
YOU CAN THANK VACUTEX FOR THAT, HONEY!
ONLY THREE EASY STEPS
UGLY BLACKHEADS
USE VACUTEX
OUT
RUSH COUPON
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If you have blackheads, you know how embarrassing they are, how they clog your pores, mar your appearance and [illegible] criticism. [illegible] can solve the problem of eliminating blackheads. [illegible] this amazing new VACUTEX [illegible]. It extracts [illegible] blackheads in [illegible] without [illegible] or squeezing the [illegible] VACUTEX creates a gentle vacuum around [illegible] blackhead! Cleans out hard-to-reach places in a jiffy. Germ laden fingers never [illegible] the skin. [illegible] place the direction finder over blackhead, draw back extractor [illegible] and [illegible] extractor and blackhead is ejected. VACUTEX does [illegible] Don't risk infection with old fashioned methods. Order TODAY!

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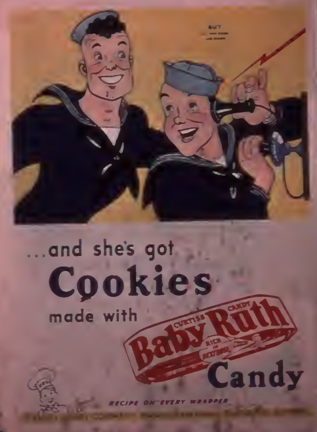
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CURTISS CANDY
Baby Ruth
RICH IN DEXTROSE

...and she's got

Cookies

made with Baby Ruth Candy

RECIPE ON EVERY WRAPPER

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